Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask what is the nature of the advice given? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" There are officers in the department who know something about fruits; but as I said, they are not experts."

Registration

Opening of a new Sub-registry Office at Perdal.

* 37 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any sub-registry offices have been closed in Malabar this year; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to open a new office at Perdal in South Kanara ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether representations have not been made time and again regarding this matter? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether representations were made to the hon. Minister when he visited South Kanara? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" That was three years ago."

Veterinary

Closure of Veterinary dispensaries.

* 38 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of veterinary dispensaries that have been closed this year as a measure of retrenchment; and

(*b*) the number of touring billets that have been abolished for effecting retrenchment ?

A.—(*a*) Four.

(*b*) Six.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether the Government means to say that some schemes came up and they were pending and have all been disposed of? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" No, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" Do I understand him correctly—I say that no schemes were ever sent up? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" No scheme ever reached the Government."